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4 Co-defendant Aponik was advised of his Miranda Rights and questioned by the Law  
5 Enforcement Authorities in regards to the package. On that day Aponik advised Law  
6 Enforcement Authorities that he received the package from defendant Espinosa. Aponik  
7 with the help of Federal Law Enforcement placed and allegedly received several phone  
8 calls from defendant Espinosa on June 18, 2005 and June 21, 2005. See transcripts of  
9 telephone calls attached and incorporated defendant Espinosa's Exhibits 1, 2 and 3.

10 On June 22, 2005, Postal Investigator Federal Agent Gregory D. McGahey in Las  
11 Vegas in cooperation with Guam based Federal Law Enforcement applied for a search a  
12 warrant for defendant Espinosa's Las Vegas home at 7443 Cleghorn Canyon Way, Las  
13 Vegas, Nevada. Agent McGahey submitted to the court an Affidavit of probable cause in  
14 support of the request for the search warrant, attached and incorporated as Exhibit "4".  
15 Evidence and property was seized from that location. Defendant Espinosa was eventually  
16 taken into custody.

17 Defendant Espinosa was transported back to the District of Guam and was  
18 arraigned on July 18, 2005. The matter before the Bar was initially set for trial on August  
19 8, 2005 pursuant to an Order filed and issued on June 24, 2005. An Amended Order in  
20 this matter was issued on July 20, 2005 setting the matter for trial on September 6, 2005.  
21 Further, the amended Order stated that all pretrial motion shall be filed no later then  
22 August 16, 2005.

23 Defendant's counsel had notice that in discovery package that there was evidence  
24 that was derived from a search warrant of the defendant's Las Vegas home. Defendant's  
25 counsel notice of the discovery did not contain any of the necessary pleadings and

4 documents in regards to the search warrant. Defendant's counsel tried to comply with the  
5 requirements of the pretrial motion cut off. Defendant's counsel sent a letter to the United  
6 States Government requesting the search warrant information. See attached an  
7 incorporated defendant's Exhibit "5". Defendant Espinosa's exhibit 5 request to be  
provided the search warrant information no later than August 5, 2005.

8 Defendant's counsel also made efforts to directly contact the United States  
9 Attorney's Office staff and attorneys to whether he could acquire that evidence. Further,  
10 defendant's counsel asked in open court at defendant Espinosa's bail hearing on August 5,  
11 2005, for the requested discovery. Unfortunately, the defendant was not provided the  
12 requested discovery and was forced to file a motion to compel discovery filed with this  
13 court on August 11, 2005, within the pretrial motion deadline. Unfortunately, Defendant's  
14 counsel received the search warrant information on August 17, 2005, after the court  
15 ordered motion cut off date. After reviewing the requested discovery defendant's counsel  
16 found the basis and necessity for this motion.

17 ARGUMENT

18 "The Fourth Amendment mandates that a defendant be permitted to challenge a  
19 warrant affidavit valid on its face when it contains deliberate or reckless omissions of fact  
20 that tend to mislead." United States v. Stanert, 762 F.2d 775, 781 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1985)  
21 (reversing conviction and remanding to the district court holding that defendant had made  
22 a substantial showing requiring an evidentiary hearing); see also, United States v.  
23 Williams, 737 F.2d 594, 604 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1984). The Supreme Court held, in Franks v.  
24 Delaware, 438 U.S. 154 (1978), that allegations of such misstatements or omissions  
25 necessitate an evidentiary hearing.

4 To challenge the veracity of certain factual statements in an affidavit supporting a  
5 search warrant, the Franks Court held that a traversal hearing must be held at the  
6 defendant's request: where the defendant makes a substantial preliminary showing that a  
7 false statement knowingly and intentionally, or with reckless disregard for the truth was  
8 included by the affiant in the warrant affidavit, and if the allegedly false statements are  
9 necessary to the finding of probable cause, the Fourth Amendment requires that a hearing  
10 be held at the defendant's request. 438 U.S. at 155-156. See also United States v. Johns  
11 851 F.2d 1131 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1988). The Ninth Circuit employs a two-prong test to determine  
12 when a Franks hearing is required. Specifically, the defendant need only make a  
13 substantial showing that "(1) the affidavit contains intentionally or recklessly false  
14 statements, and (2) the affidavit purged of its falsities would not be sufficient to support a  
finding of probable cause.

15 The defendant asserts that a Federal Agent with United Postal Inspector Gregory D.  
16 McGahey recklessly made several statements that were false and misleading. The  
17 defendant further asserts that these false and misleading statements were in regards to  
18 vital evidence, which was determinative in establishing a necessary probable cause to  
19 search the defendant's residence. It is apparent that Agent McGahey was working with  
20 Guam based Federal Authorities. Defendant would assert that Agent McGahey was at  
21 least in reckless adopting summaries or opinions of the Guam Agents. Defendant  
22 Espinosa asserts this as it is highly unlikely that Agent McGahey actually listened to tape  
23 conversations personally.

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5 First, it is important for the defendant to point to court that the package in question  
6 which gave rise to this case was not sent from the defendant's residence and location  
7 sought for the search warrant, 7443 Cleghorn Canyon Way, Las Vegas, Nevada. The  
8 package sender address was 8501 W. University Ave. Las Vegas, Neveda. Defendant  
9 Espinosa has no ties to that location. Secondly, the package does not bear the name of  
10 the defendant Christopher M. Espinosa or anybody with the Espinosa surname. Third, the  
11 speaker being taped never identifies himself in any manner as Christopher Espinosa.  
12 Fourth, Defendant Espinosa does not live alone and has several people staying with him  
13 for short periods of time. Fifth, Methamphetamine any derivative or street name for the  
14 drug is never mentioned on the tape conversations. The agent makes all these major  
15 assumptions and **asserts them as fact** to the court in his Affidavit of Probable Cause.

16 The first major misleading statement contained in the Affidavit of Probable Cause is  
17 in regards to conversations between the co-defendant Eric M. Aponik and somebody  
18 conversing with Aponik at what is believed to be defendant Espinosa's telephone number  
19 in Las Vegas. It is clear that in paragraph ten(10) on page six(6) that the agent makes it  
20 clear to the court that Aponik is talking to Espinosa. <sup>1</sup>A review of the transcripts of all the  
21 telephone conversation between the two defendants as contained in defendant's exhibit 1,  
22 2 and 3 does not ever identify the individual on the other end of the phone. Further, Agent  
23 McGahey states that in paragraph ten(10) of his affidavit that Espinosa told Aponik that he  
24 would be getting him more Methamphetamine over the weekend. A clear review of the  
25 telephone conversation as contained in Exhibit "2" page 3 in regards to this allegation it is

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<sup>1</sup> "During the conversation, allegedly Espinosa and Aponik discussed the quantity and quality of the Methamphetamine Aponik received...Espinosa asserted Aponik to send Four thousand dollars." Espinosa told Aponik that he would get more of the Methamphetamine over the weekend.

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7 clear the person speaking does not identify himself. Further, Aponik never ask him to  
8 confirm if its was Espinosa. More importantly, there is never any mentioned of  
9 Methampethamine, Ice, Crack or any other derivative or street name for  
10 Methampethamine. Defendant asserts that this "misrepresentation" to the Magistrates  
11 Judge "alone" is dispositive to provide the basis for the search warrant.

12 In paragraph eleven(11) on page six (6) Agent McGahey again makes further  
13 misrepresentations in regards to alleged statements made by Defendant Espinosa and  
14 mentions the sending of more Methampethamine. The representations again is  
15 misleading the court since defendant is never identified in this conversation and  
16 Methampethamine is never mention. See Exhibit "2" page 4 and 5.

17 In paragraph fourteen(14) where it states that Espinosa told Aponik that he would  
18 be going to get more Methampethamine on Wednesday, June 22, 2005. It clear review of  
19 the corresponding transcript (see Exhibit "3" page 1 and 2) clearing indicates that there  
20 was no mentioned of Methampethamine or identification of Defendant Espinosa.

21 The agent's investigation indicates that other parties had been living at Defendant  
22 Espinosa's Las Vegas Home. Further, defendant asserts that other parties often come  
23 and visit and stay for short periods of time at his Las Vegas residence.

24 The agent's misrepresentations repeated several times in his affidavit would tend to  
25 lead a neutral magistrate to believe the evidence characterized was overwhelming and  
more than sufficient for a search warrant. The government may argue that the errors are  
inadvertent or that non identification of speakers on taped phone calls or talking in codes is

4 standard for criminals conducting business. Nonetheless, the government has usurp the  
5 neutral magistrates role, job and duty to give the requested weight to the evidence  
6 contained in the affidavit. There is no telling how much weight the magistrate would have  
7 given the evidence if the government had not been reckless with their representations.

8 The only other evidence is co-defendant Aponik's statements implicating Defendant  
9 Espinosa. That alone is insufficient and the government knew it. There was no further  
10 surveillance, no attempted buys, no other information or evidence proving Defendant  
11 Espinosa was involved in the drug trade. That is why they needed the telephone  
12 conversations to gather evidence to implicate Defendant Espinosa and search his home.  
13 Thus, if the court struck out all the misrepresentations, it would see that all the government  
14 has was unsubstantiated and uncorroborated statements from Defendant Aponik, insufficient  
15 for a search warrant. Only after misrepresenting evidence to the court did the government  
16 get evidence from the search that implicating Defendant Espinosa. Evidence acquired  
17 wrongfully should be suppressed.

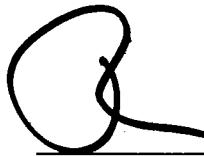
18 CONCLUSION

19 Defendant Espinosa respectfully request the court find that the Postal Agents made  
20 false and misleading statements on their affidavit of probable cause and thus, ordering an  
21 Franks evidentiary hearing.

22 Dated this 22 day of August, 2005.

23 MANTANONA LAW OFFICE  
24 Attorney for **Christopher M. Espinosa**

25 By:



26 RAWLEN M T MANTANONA, ESQ.  
27 A duly licensed attorney

6-18-05 Monitored Telephone Calls  
0918-1530157-NI(1)  
Transcript # 1

JD: Special Agent John Duenas  
JC: John Cruz  
EA: Eric Aponik

JD: Today's date is January, or, correction, June 18, 2005, the time is approximately 1:10 pm. The following is going to be a consensual monitored call to John Cruz at 727-6901 by, ah, Eric Aponik

\* Telephone Rings – No answer – Recorded Female Voice  
\* (inaudible)

EA 828-6900

\* Telephone Rings – No answer – Recorded Female Voice  
\* Incoming Telephone Call Ring – Call from Christopher Espinosa's Telephone Number

EA Hello.

CE Hello.

EA Prim

CE Pary

EA What's up?

CE What's up dog...(inaudible)

EA Uh, um dud how much did you send?

CE 4

EA 4?

CE Yah

EA Oh, shit, so, how much do you need me to send you to get the next one out, and by when?

CE Oh, dude, if, we want to do the deal this weekend? You need to wire within the next, like 30 minutes or an hour

EA About how much, though?

CE 4 - exact, cause I'm gonna give him an extra, the guys...(inaudible)...200 bucks to pick it up

EA Okay, so I need to send at least 4 grand by, between, the next 30 minutes?

CE Yah

EA Okay. Let me, ah, let me see what I can do with this, and I'll give you a call back, about maybe 15, 20 minutes, and I'll, I will be able to do it.

CE Okay was it good, or what?

EA Um, I dunno. Ah, the guy that I made try it yea said it was excellent

CE (Laughs.) Okay.

EA All righty?

CE Okay

EA Um, so, okay. Ah,

CE Call me back, call me back at my, my cell number

EA Okay

CE So I can give you his name

EA Okay

CE Okay

EA Okay bye

CE Shoot.

JD It's 1:20 pm. June 18, 2005. That was a phone call from Chris Espinosa to Eric Aponik

6-18-05 Monitored Telephone Calls  
0918-1530157-NI(1)  
Transcript # 2

CH: Inspector Hales  
JD: Special Agent Duenas  
EA: Eric Aponik  
CE: Christopher Espinosa

CH: Okay, you laughed when you said the guy tried...

(inaudible)

EA Okay (inaudible) time is 1:30 pm I'm calling 727-6901

\* Telephone Rings – (no answer)

EA Okay, 1:31, Trying 828-6900

\* Telephone Rings – (no answer)

EA Okay, now, I gotta find this....I gotta find the number first. Ah,

CH Don't be shy about what you say or what you talk about.

EA Okay. Okay, it's now 1:40. I'm calling Chris Espinosa at 702-591-2231.

\* Telephone Rings

CE This is Chris. I'm not in. Leave a message (recording)

\* Incoming Telephone Call Ring – Call from John Cruz's Telephone Number

EA Hello.

JC Hello!

EA Eh! What's up, where you been?

JC I was sleeping!

EA Sleeping? Why the hell you sleeping?

JC Lanayet

EA Eh, um, dude, remember the last one, that was kinda fucked up

JC Yah

EA Eh – okay, ah, I got the new one today

JC No way

EA Yah, um, you wanna head up and

JC Shoot, shoot, shoot

EA How fast, how fast can you get here?

JC Shit, 30 minutes (laughs)

EA About 30 minutes?

JC my body is aching bro

EA Okay, so, look, eh, ah, hurry up!

JC Okay

EA Okay

JC Shoot

EA Shoot

\* Incoming Telephone Call Ring – Call from Christopher Espinosa's Telephone Number

EA Prim

CE Yo!

EA (inaudible)..I was trying to call you.

CE Sorry man

EA Eh – I might not be able to make the money today, bro

CE Okay, okay

EA Um, is there any way you can cover it and then, uh, send it out still, or

CE (inaudible)...I'm broke dog. I don't got shit. I'm just waiting for the cash from this I don't have nothing.

EA All righty. Um, but I tell you what, how about on, um, how about Monday, bro? I'll be able to hit you up Monday?

CE Yah...inaudible)...hang on, hang on

\* Long Pause  
CE Hello.

EA Eh-

CE Yah

EA So, I going send you four thousand and you going send me the same thing, right, the

CE Yah, but I...dude I have to wait till the weekend dog, cause, it's what I'm doing this weekend, I gotta wait till next weekend.

EA Okay, how about, um, if I can get it anytime sooner, you wanna give me the info and where would I send it to, or

CE Yah...(inaudible)...ah, dude, you didn't throw away the box, did you?

EA No

CE Okay, cool. Um, when you get the cash,

EA Yah

CE My money, just FedEx it to my address

EA The address that's on the box right now?

CE No, no, no, no. Here I'll give it to you right now.

EA Okay

\* Long Pause

CE Hello?

EA Eh!

CE Yah

EA Yah, so what's the address

CE Okay, ah, put um, attention Vincent Lujan

EA Attention who?

CE Vincent Lujan

EA Vincent Lujan.

CE Yah

EA Okay

CE You put 7, 4, 4, 3

EA 7, 4, 4, 3

CE Cleghorn Canyon Way

EA Ah, which Canyon Way?

CE C, L, E, G

EA C, E, L G

CE Yah, C, L, E, G

EA C, E or C, L, E, G

CE H, O, R, N

EA H, O, R, N

CE Canyon Way

EA Canyon Way?

CE Yah. Las Vegas, NV 89113

EA 89113. Las Vegas. Okay. Ah, so the, for the 4 grand, ah, but do I have to, do I have to send, so I have to cover the ah, I have to cover the, oh, no, shit I'm gonna FedEx it to you, right?

CE Yah

EA So,

CE ... you can FedEx my cash, right? The, everything?

EA Yah, I guess, so, but the 4, okay, shit how about I do the 4 first?

CE The 4 first?

EA Yah,

CE Oh to wire it?

EA Yah

CE It doesn't matter, though, cause I'm...(inaudible)...into the weekend

EA Oh, shit! Okay. So then, um, so what's, what's the total on that one gonna be?

CE Uh, I sent you 4, so just give me 16 half...(inaudible)

EA 15? 16?

CE Yah, 16, 16

EA 16

CE Yah

EA And then, you're gonna send me the other 4?

CE Yah

EA Okay, all right, all right. So, I'll give you a call as soon as I, um as soon as I send it.

CE Okay

EA Okay. Shoot.

CE Eh, bro. Make sure FedEx it overnight

EA FedEx overnight? Okay. One-day delivery

CE Yah

EA Okay

CE Okay

EA Shoot

CE Shoot

JD 1:56 pm, June 18, 2005. The preceding was a phone call, incoming call from Chris Espinosa to Eric Aponik

EA Okay. 2:08. Calling 828-6900.

\* Telephone Rings – No answer

EA 2:09. Calling 727-6901

\* Telephone Rings – No answer – Recorded Female Voice

EA 727-6901. And the time is 2:20, oh, 2:19 (inaudible)

\* Telephone Rings – No answer – Recorded Female Voice

JD No answer on the his cell.

EA No answer on his cell. Trying his house. 2:19 pm. 828-6900.

\* Telephone Rings

EA Hello Hello

\* Telephone Rings – No answer – Recorded Female Voice

\* Incoming Telephone Call Ring – Call from Christopher Espinosa's Telephone Number

EA Hello.

CE Pary

EA Yah, what's up?

CE Hey, ah, I talk to home boy he said he'll be back by Tuesday

EA Okay

CE And, we can go if, if we're done, you, today you can make the trip Wednesday night, you'd be back by Thursday morning, then I can mail it out by Thursday morning.

EA All right, all righty. About how much? The, the whole 4, right?

CE Yah, oh yah.

EA Okay, okay. All righty, so

CE Okay

EA I'll hit you up next week then

CE Okay. ah call me Monday night dog

EA Monday?

CE You ship it out Monday? No?

EA Ah, more than likely, yah. I will be able to do that by Monday

CE Okay

EA Okay

CE Okay, shoot

EA Shoot

JD 2:22 pm. June 18, 2005. The preceding was an incoming call from Chris Espinosa to Eric Aponik.

06-21-05 Monitored Telephone Call  
0918-1530157-NI(1)  
Transcript # 3

CH Postal Inspector Craig Hales  
EA Eric Aponik  
CE Christopher Espinosa

CH This is U.S. Postal Inspector Craig Hales. The time is 11:16 am on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005. This will be a recorded telephone conversation between Eric Aponik and Christopher Espinosa. The telephone number being called is area code 702, 591-2221.

\* Phone rings

CE Par

EA Eh! K, um

CE (inaudible)...Dog is everything okay?

EA Yah! I just at the, Post Office, um, shit, dude FedEx couldn't guarantee me a quick delivery, bro, so I did it through the Post Office, Express Mail, guaranteed to be at you by about 3:00 pm Wednesday

CE OK Cool Cool Shoot Bro...(inaudible)

EA You need, you need tracking number?

CE Yah, yah, here

EA Okay. You got a pen?

CE Yah...(inaudible)...Bro...(inaudible)

EA Okay

CE (inaudible)...I wasn't sure, man

EA Okay, ah, you got, you gonna have anything to send my way as soon as you grab this, or

CE now what you say?

EA Are you gonna have anything where you can shoot out my way as soon as possible?

CE What you mean?

EA You know, are you going to have anymore, are you going to be able to send it as quick as possible, or

CE Yah, yah, yah, cause I'm, we're supposed to take the trip Wednesday, but I'm, I keep trying to call you, and then I don't know what happened so I told them to hold up, I called them today and told them to hold up

EA Okay so, you ready for the tracking number?

CE Yah, Yah

EA Okay. E, R

CE E, R

EA 4, 9, 4

CE 4, 9, 4

EA 7, 2, 8

CE 7, 2, 8

EA 3, 4, 3 U.S.

CE 3, 4, 3, U.S.

EA Yah.

CE ER 494 728 343 US?

EA Yah, and you'll be seeing it by Wednesday. 3 o'clock.

CE (inaudible)...right?

EA Huh? Yah.

CE (inaudible)...I'll be sending you 4, Wednesday night when I make the trip. Thursday morning I should have it out.

EA All righty, bro

CE Alright Big Dog

EA Okay, shoot

CE Shoot

EA Shoot Shoot

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DISTRICT OF NEVADA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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vs.  
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PREMISES LOCATED AT )  
7443 CLEGHORN CANYON WAY, )  
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA )  
CITY OF LAS VEGAS, )  
COUNTY OF CLARK )  
STATE OF NEVADA )  
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AFFIDAVIT

I, Gregory D. McGahey, being duly sworn, hereby depose and say:

1. I am a Federal Agent with the United States Postal Inspection Service and have been so employed since 2003. I am currently assigned to the Los Angeles Division,

Las Vegas Domicile, and am responsible for investigating controlled substance violations involving the United States Mails. In this capacity I have participated in numerous investigations involving the transmission of controlled substances or the proceeds from the sale of controlled substances through the United States mails. I have received specialized training in the investigation of controlled substances in the United States mails. Prior to being a United States Postal Inspector I was a Police Officer for 12 years. During that time I worked on a street crimes unit that investigated the distribution of controlled substances. I was also a detective assigned to the major crimes/homicide unit and investigated several drug related homicide deaths. I have received training on the identification of controlled substances and attended an 80 hour drug investigators course presented by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

2. This affidavit is made in support of an application for a search warrant for 7443 Cleghorn Canyon Way, Las Vegas, Nevada, described in Attachment A., (the target address) which is believed to contain controlled substances, proceeds from the distribution of controlled substances and documentation supporting the distribution of controlled substances.

3. On June 16, 2005, Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency (GCQA) Officer One (CQ1) Christopher J. De Soto, a member of the GCQA/U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) task force, conducted inspections of incoming U.S. Mail at the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), Guam Main Facility (GMF) in Barrigada, Guam. During the inspection, CQ1 De

Soto identified a USPS Express Mail parcel number CD19685963KUS arriving from "Carmen Manibusan, 8501 W University Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89113" for delivery to "Jena Aponik, P.O. Box 26043 GMF Guam 96921" (Exhibit 1). The parcel was presented to GCQA Drug Detector Dog (DDD) Boyar for further examination. Upon examination, DDD Boyar alerted to the parcel, indicating the presence of an odor of controlled substances. The parcel was secured by CQ1 De Soto in the USPS GMF pending the application of a federal search warrant.

4. On June 17, 2005, Inspector Hales conducted follow up investigation of the parcel. It was discovered that the address "8501 W University Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89113" is the address for an apartment complex in Las Vegas and that the apartment number was missing from the USPS Express Mail label. It was discovered that the name on the USPS Express Mail label, "Carmen Manibusan", is not a name associated with the apartment complex.

5. On June 17, 2005, CQ1 De Soto applied for and was granted a federal search warrant for the USPS Express Mail parcel number CD19685963KUS. The parcel was transported to GCQA offices and opened by Inspector Craig Hales and CQ1 Craig Camacho. The parcel contained clothing, CD-ROM's, video tapes and a magazine. Secreted inside the clothing was one Zip Lock baggie containing another heat sealed baggie of a white crystal substance. The substance was field tested and indicated a

positive response for methamphetamine hydrochloride. The gross weight of the substance was approximately 110 grams.

6. On June 18, 2005, Inspector Hales, GCQA officers and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (USICE) agents met and briefed for a controlled delivery of the package. The parcel was transferred to Inspector Hales and placed in the USPS GMF in preparation for delivery. Inspector Hales and CQII Erwin Fejeran maintained surveillance of the parcel inside the USPS GMF. At approximately 9:30 AM a male approached the parcel pick-up window at the USPS GMF and requested to pick up the Express Mail parcel. The male accepted the parcel and completed and signed both the USPS Form 3849, Delivery Notice/Reminder/Receipt and USPS Form 5625-C, Mailing Label, Service Analysis and Proof of Delivery (Exhibit 5 & 6). The male, later identified as Eric Aponik left the USPS GMF and was placed under surveillance by GCQA officers outside the USPS GMF.

7. After picking up the parcel at the USPS GMF, Eric Aponik exited the postal facility and entered the passenger's side of a grey Toyota Camry. The vehicle traveled to the Mobile Gas Station in Barrigada Heights. At approximately 9:35 AM, the tracking device indicated that the parcel had been opened. A team of officers from GCQA approached the vehicle and took Eric Aponik and Jarett Elm, the driver of the vehicle into custody. Both APONIK and ELM were transported to the GCQA office in Tiyan, Guam.

8. Subsequent to arriving at the GCQA office in Tiyan, APONIK was advised of his Miranda Warnings. APONIK acknowledged his understanding and waiver of the

Miranda warnings by signing a United States Postal Inspection Service Warning and Waiver of Rights Form.

9. APONIK stated this he was involved in the distribution of methamphetamine. APONIK stated that the source of the methamphetamine is Christopher M. Espinosa who lives in Las Vegas, Nevada. APONIK stated that when he needed to obtain methamphetamine he would call ESPINOSA on the telephone at 702-591-2221 and order the methamphetamine. APONIK would then wire transfer money to ESPINOSA. ESPINOSA would then send the methamphetamine to APONIK via the U.S. Mail. APONIK also confessed to receiving the parcels, giving the methamphetamine hydrochloride to John Vincent Cruz to sell, receiving the proceeds from the sale of the methamphetamine hydrochloride and returning part of the proceeds to ESPINOSA in Las Vegas, Nevada. APONIK advised that he has been purchasing methamphetamine from ESPINOSA for the past six months and averages about 3-4 packages a month each containing approximately 4 ounces of methamphetamine. APONIK advised that prior to him purchasing methamphetamine from ESPINOSA, ESPINOSA was the supplier of methamphetamine for other individuals on the island of Guam. APONIK was introduced to ESPINOSA 6 months ago and the methamphetamine business relationship began. APONIK advised that from the time he would place an order with ESPINOSA to the time that APONIK would receive the drugs on the island was typically only 2 to 3 days.

10. On June 18, 2005, APONIK agreed to further assist in the investigation by placing monitored telephone calls to ESPINOSA in Las Vegas, Nevada. On June 18, 2005, at approximately 1:20 PM, APONIK called ESPINOSA. During the conversation, ESPINOSA and APONIK discussed the quantity and the quality of the methamphetamine APONIK had received. APONIK inquired about getting more methamphetamine. ESPINOSA asked APONIK to send four thousand dollars to facilitate the purchase of more drugs. ESPINOSA told APONIK that he would be getting more of the methamphetamine over the weekend. The conversation ended.

11. At approximately 1:55 PM, APONIK received an incoming phone call on his cellular phone from ESPINOSA. During the conversation, ESPINOSA told APONIK to send the four thousand dollars to ESPINOSA's address via Federal Express. ESPINOSA asked APONIK if he had thrown away the last box that he had sent. APONIK asked ESPINOSA if he should send the money to the return address on the box. ESPINOSA told APONIK not to send the money to the return address but to sent it to ESPINOSA'S address attention of Vincent Lujan at, 7443 Cleghorn Canyon Way, Las Vegas, Nevada 89113 (target address). ESPINOSA stated he would send four more ounces of methamphetamine once he received the money.

12. On June 20, 2005 Postal Inspector Greg McGahey of the Las Vegas, Nevada office verified that Christopher Espinosa is receiving mail at 7443 Cleghorn Canyon Way, Las Vegas, Nevada 89113 (target address). A records check through the Nevada

Department of Motor Vehicles shows that Christopher Espinosa has a driver license and identification card issued on January 19, 2005. The address information for the license and identification is 7443 Cleghorn Canyon Way, Las Vegas, Nevada 89113.

13. Further investigation revealed that the package # CD19685963KUS that contained the methamphetamine was shipped from the Post Office located at 1001 E. Sunset Rd. Las Vegas, NV. There are two Post Offices near 7443 Cleghorn Canyon Way, 1001 E. Sunset Rd and 3375 S. Rainbow. Although the Post Office at 3375 S Rainbow is physically closer to the Cleghorn address, the Post Office at 1001 E. Sunset Rd is more convenient and provides a direct access via the interstate highway.

14. On June 21, 2005 APONIK telephoned ESPINOSA and advised him that he had shipped the money via U.S. Mail and that it should be arriving sometime on Wednesday June 22, 2005. ESPINOSA told APONIK that he was going to get more methamphetamine on Wednesday, June 22, 2005 and mail it to APONIK the following day.

15. Based on these facts, I believe there is probable cause to believe that the residence at 7443 Cleghorn Canyon Way, Las Vegas, Nevada described in Attachment A contains controlled substances, constituting evidence of violations of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a) (1), Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance, and 843(b), Unlawful Use of a Communication Facility to Facilitate the

Distribution of a Controlled Substance and Title 18 United States Code 1956 and 1957  
Money Laundering.

16. Your affiant respectfully requests the issuance of a Search Warrant for 7443  
Cleghorn Canyon Way, Las Vegas, Nevada described in Attachment A. for the items  
described in Attachment B.

  
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Gregory D McGahey  
United States Postal Inspector

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June \_\_\_\_\_, 2005

LAWRENCE R. LEAVITT

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

August 1, 2005

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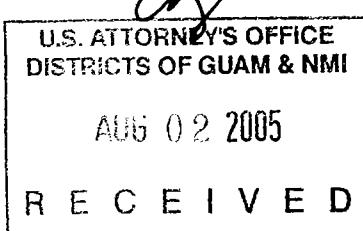
Re: United States v. Christopher M. Espinosa; CR05-00053

Dear Russ,

My office served your office on behalf of my client, a request for discovery on your office on July 22, 2005. A review of the discovery indicates that some of evidence that you possess was received pursuant to a search warrant executed at my client's home in Las Vegas. The discovery in this matter is missing the Application for the search warrant, the search warrant, and the affidavit of probable cause in support of the search warrant, and lastly the return of the search warrant. A review of these documents is necessary to determine whether the evidence in this matter was legally obtained and or admissible.

Thus, I would greatly appreciate if you could forward to my office as soon as possible no later then the close of business of Friday, August 5, 2005 these documents. If I do not receive the documents as requested in this letter, if not, I would be forced to file a motion to compel for these documents.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at my office.



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